

Nigeria Sustainable & Economically Viable Rice Value Chain and Backward Integration Support for Farmers

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Goals

The goal of the project is to integrate 20,000 rice farmers into sustainable and competitive business models that lead to increased paddy production as well as improvements in quality. As a result, income of the farmers are expected to double by the end of the 2-year project. This contributes significantly to the reduction of poverty of small holder farmers in Kano, Jigawa, Sokoto, Katsina and Zamfara states(s).



Our Approach

In order to double the yield and income of beneficiaries, support is given to the beneficiaries through training in Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Post-Harvest Technologies. By supporting contract farming arrangements between farmers and off takers, the project enables farmers to market their products.

The technical packages and GAP training includes demonstrations of the use of the right inputs (fertilizers and agrochemicals) and good farming practices. Farmer Business School training increase farmers' financial literacy and teaches them how to manage their farm as a business.

Female Farmers

30%



Male Farmers
70%

Project strategies

- Engage 20,000 farmers in contract farming agreement for the production of paddy targeting increase in average yield per hectare from 1.8 mt – 4 mt
- Access to quality inputs including certified seeds
- Enhanced use of mechanization in production and post-harvest operations
- Access to irrigation facilities to boost dry season farming
- Promote low cost farming techniques for small and medium scale farmers
- Crop diversification to help improve family nutrition and provision of alternative source of income.



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